

I am in opposition to the proposed rule that would require all last mile Internet providers to pay into the USF (such as Wireless ISPs, DSL providers and cable modems).

I also do not support allowing the Incumbant carriers to manage the funds. Their administrative "fees" eat into the fund and they also have a conflict of interest; the ILECs want the USF receipants to pay more for service (half of which in our area is reimbursed by e-Rate).

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